

**SAMPLE LANGUAGE for VARIANCE REQUEST for the
Wisconsin Administrative Code for Hospitals HFS 124**

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Dear Gail:

I am writing to request a variance to HFS 124.07 (2) (c) A Mantoux tuberculin skin test consisting of 5 tuberculin units (TU) of purified protein derivative (PPD).

We would like to begin to phase in use of the Quantiferon (QTF) TB Gold test to replace use of Mantoux (PPD) skin test as the method for screening health care workers for infection with TB. We would initially use the QTF TB Gold test to screen newly hired employees, employees who have allergic reaction to PPD, and eventually use it as the sole method for health care worker screening.

Thank you for considering this request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (____) ____-____.

Sincerely,

